

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. NO.: 3653-01  
BILL NO.: HB 2033  
SUBJECT: Ambulance and Ambulance Districts; Health Care Professionals; Medical  
Procedures and Personnel  
TYPE: Original  
DATE: March 20, 2000

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**FISCAL SUMMARY**

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
None			
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
None			
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.

This fiscal note contains 4 pages.

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**FISCAL ANALYSIS**

**ASSUMPTION**

Officials from the **Department of Health** and the **Department of Insurance** assume this proposal would not fiscally impact their agencies.

**Office of Secretary of State (SOS)** officials state the proposal would regulate ambulances. SOS states that based on experience with other divisions, the rules, regulations, and forms issued by the Department of Health could require as many as approximately twenty-six pages in the "Code of State Regulations". SOS states that for any given rule roughly half again as many pages would be published in the "Missouri Register" as in the "Code" because cost statements, fiscal notes, and the like are not repeated in the "Code". SOS states these costs are estimated. SOS estimates the cost of a page in the "Missouri Register" to be \$22.50. SOS estimates the cost of a page in the "Code" to be \$26.50. SOS states the actual costs could be more or less than the numbers given. SOS states the impact of this proposal in future years is unknown and depends upon the frequency and length of rules, filed, amended, rescinded, or withdrawn. SOS states the proposal alone does not require additional personnel but the cumulative effect of other proposals that require rulemaking activity may, in the aggregate, necessitate additional staff.

**Oversight** assumes the SOS could absorb the costs of printing and distributing regulations related to this proposal. If multiple bills pass which require the printing and distribution of regulations at substantial costs, the SOS could request funding through the appropriation process. Any decisions to raise fees to defray costs would likely be made in subsequent fiscal years.

Officials from the **Ste. Genevieve County Memorial Hospital**, the **Newton County Ambulance District**, the **St. Charles County Ambulance District**, the **Vallee Ambulance District**, the **Mid-Mo Ambulance District**, the **Stoddard County Ambulance District**, and the **Taney County Ambulance District** did not respond to our fiscal note request.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2001 (10 Mo.)	FY 2002	FY 2003
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government

FY 2001  
(10 Mo.)

FY 2002

FY 2003

\$0

\$0

\$0

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

DESCRIPTION

This proposal contain provisions relating to ambulance services. The proposal would: (1) allow ambulance districts with boards of directors numbering 6, with voter approval, to increase to 7 members or decrease to 5 or 3 members; (2) contain ballot language pertaining to these elections and provisions regarding subdistricts and length of terms; (3) allow board members to be recalled. Recalls may not be commenced against members who have not held office for 180 days, have less than 180 days left in their term, or have had a recall election determined in their favor. Signatures needed to have a recall election must equal at least 25% of the number of votes in the most recent gubernatorial election in the subdistrict. If the election authority would determine the signatures are insufficient, the petition would be supplemented within 10 days of the certificate by filing additional petitions. At any time prior to 42 days before the election, members being sought to be (4) include in the definition section of emergency services, "proof of financial responsibility"; (5) allow the Director of the Department of Health to recognize regional emergency medical services committees in lieu of creating a new committee; (6) require ground ambulances to be staffed by at least 2 licensed individuals when transporting a patient; (7) require an owner to notify the Department of Health within 30 days of a sale or transfer of an ambulance service license; (8) require letters of endorsement adopted by political subdivisions to state that proposed ambulance services would provide benefits that outweigh the associated costs, that the political subdivision would maintain or enhance the public's access to ambulance services and promote the continued development of regional emergency services, and that the service has demonstrated appropriate expertise in the operation of ambulance services and has the financial resources necessary for the operation of the proposed ambulance service; (9) require ambulance service providers to provide proof of financial responsibility with adequate reserves maintained before being granted a license; (10) expand the causes for which complaints would be filed against licensees with the Administrative Hearing Commission to include the refusal of licensees to cooperate with investigations, conduct or practice which could be considered dangerous to the mental or physical health of a patient or the public, and gross or repeated negligence in the performance of their duties; (11) make persons having their licenses revoked twice within a 10-year period ineligible for relicensure; (12) require written or electronic patient

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care documents to be given to the ambulance service personnel by the health care facility when a patient is transferred between health care facilities; and (13) require employers to report to the department any knowledge of charges of felony offences by their employees within 72 hours.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Health  
Office of Secretary of State  
Department of Insurance

**NOT RESPONDING: Ste. Genevieve County Memorial Hospital, Newton County Ambulance District, St. Charles County Ambulance District, Vallee Ambulance District, Mid-Mo Ambulance District, Stoddard County Ambulance District, Taney County Ambulance District**



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